

First Aid Statements as a Result of Phase II

Since the completion of the Phase II quantitative and qualitative survey research, EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs has proposed draft guidelines for First Aid statements on FIFRA products (this includes indoor insecticides, outdoor pesticides, and household cleaner products which are subject to FIFRA regulations). These draft guidelines are based on the findings from the one-on-one interviews described above, the numerous comments received from participating CLI Partners, and the findings from the Phase II quantitative and qualitative research. As EPA continues to finalize these statements, it will continue to work closely with the organizations that have been involved in this process thus far. These guidelines are expected to be announced by OPP in a *Pesticide Registration (PR)* notice in Fall/Winter 1999.

The guidelines are as follows:

Table 5-1: Proposed Guidance for Standard First Aid Statements	
Route of Exposure and Toxicity Category	First Aid Statement
Ingestion/acute oral toxicity categories 1,2, and 3	<p>If swallowed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice. -Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. -Do not induce vomiting unless told to by a poison control center or doctor.
Acute oral toxicity category 4	Statement is not required. Registrants may use toxicity category 1-3 statements if they choose.
Skin exposure/acute dermal toxicity, and irritation categories 1,2, and 3	<p>If on skin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Take off contaminated clothing. -Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes. -Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
Dermal and skin irritation toxicity category 4	Statement is not required. Registrants may use category 1-3 statements if they choose
Inhalation acute toxicity categories 1,2, and 3	<p>If inhaled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Move person to fresh air. -If a person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably mouth-to-mouth if possible. -Call a poison control center or doctor for further treatment advice.
Inhalation toxicity category 4	Statement is not required. Registrants may use category 1-3 statements if they choose

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Eye irritation categories 1,2, and 3	<p>If in eyes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then continue rinsing. -Call a poison control center or doctor for treatment advice.
Eye irritation toxicity category 4	Statement is not required. Registrants may use toxicity category 1-3 statements if they choose.
General information to include either near the First Aid statement or emergency phone number	-Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or doctor or going for treatment.

